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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CODEL MATHIAS

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1. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS FOR SENATOR MATHIAS WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL; MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, PLANNING, MINES AND ENERGY, JUSTICE AND INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE; PRESIDENT OF SENATE AND SUPREME COURT; AND GOVERNOR OF FEDERAL DISTRICT. MINISTRY EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO INFORM US NEAR THE END OF THE WEEK HOW MANY OF THE FOREGOING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE SENATOR. IN MEANTIME, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION AS TO SPECIFIC SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO SENATOR AND ITEMS HE MAY WISH TO RAISE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SIX CABINET MINISTERS IF APPOINTMENTS GO THROUGH. EMBASSY AWARE OF SENATOR'S GENERAL CONCERNS ON BASIS OF HIS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAILS AS TO ANY SPECIFIC INTERESTS HE PROPOSES TO DISCUSS. WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT, IF IT ALREADY HAS NOT DONE SO, INFORM BRAZILIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON OF VISIT, THUS STIMULATING EMBASSY TO PROVIDE FOREIGN MINISTRY FURTHER INFORMATION ON SENATOR.

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2. EMBASSY NOW TENTATIVELY PLANNING BRIEFING AND LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE AFTER ARRIVAL, WITH OCCASION FOR SENATOR TO MEET 10 TO 12 BRAZILIAN JOURNALISTS AND INTELLECTUALS EVENING OF JAN. 24. AMBASSADOR PLANNING DINNER EVENING OF JANUARY 25 FOR SENATOR WITH PROMINENT BRAZILIAN GUESTS. EMBASSY ALSO PROPOSES THAT SENATOR MEET AT EMBASSY WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND THEIR

DEPENDENTS FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN US, IF SCHEDULE PERMITS. THIS MEETING COULD BE IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDED BY BRIEF MEETING OF SENATOR WITH MARYLAND CONSTITUENTS ASSIGNED HERE, A NUMBER OF WHOM HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN GREETING SENATOR. WE REGRET THAT THERE IS NO AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN BRASILIA FOR SENATOR TO MEET. HOPEFULLY, CONTACTS CAN BE ARRANGED IN RIO WITH SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF LARGE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY CENTERED THERE.

3. IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY SENATOR WILL HAVE NUMEROUS CONTACTS WITH NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BRAZILIANS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS SENATOR MAY WISH TO USE FT FUNDS TO EMPLOY PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETER DURING HIS TIME IN BRASILIA. HIGHLY SKILLED FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT INTERPRETER WHO RESIDES HERE IS AVAILABLE DURING THAT PERIOD AND WOULD BE GLAD TO PERFORM ALL NECESSARY SERVICES FOR A STANDARD FEE OF \$125 PER DAY.

4. SENATOR'S INITIAL SCHEDULE SHOWS HIM DEPARTING FROM BRASILIA AT 1800 HOURS, JANUARY 26, ARRIVING RIO 2015 HOURS AND DEPARTING RIO FOR LIMA ONLY 45 MINUTES AFTER ARRIVAL FROM BRASILIA. SINCE FLIGHTS HERE ARE NOT ALWAYS PUNCTUAL AND SINCE CHANGE OF PLANES IN RIO INVOLVES CHANGE OF AIRPORTS AS WELL, WE SUGGEST SENATOR ADVANCE JANUARY 26 DEPARTURE FROM BRASILIA BY AT LEAST ONE HOUR. WE SUGGEST RESCHEDULING HIM ON FLIGHT THAT DEPARTS BRASILIA 1700 (TRANS BRASIL FLIGHT 401).
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5. AMBASSADOR WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE AUTHUR HOUGHTON ALSO AS HIS GUEST AT RESIDENCE DURING SENATOR'S STAY. REGRET EARLIER OVERSIGHT ABOUT HIM.
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